

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

TROY E BELCHER,

Plaintiff,

v.

MARK STRONG, et al,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:17-CV-05137-RBL-DWC

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION  
TO PROCEED IN FORMA  
PAUPERIS

The Court, having reviewed plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, does hereby find and ORDER.

Plaintiff's declaration indicates that he is unable to afford the Court's filing fee or give security therefore. Accordingly, plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (Dkt. 1) is GRANTED. Plaintiff is not a prisoner within the meaning of the Prison Litigation Reform Act. The portion of the act requiring a prisoner to pay the filing fee in installments does not apply to plaintiff. Plaintiff does not appear to have funds available to afford the \$400.00 filing fee. Plaintiff shall note that leave to proceed as a pauper does not necessarily entitle plaintiff to a waiver of any other cost(s) of litigation.

1 The Clerk is directed to mail a copy of this Order to Plaintiff.

2 Dated this 21st day of February, 2017.

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6 United States Magistrate Judge  
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